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**METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR PROVIDING A PHOTO ALBUM
TO A USER OF A DIGITAL IMAGING DEVICE**

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

The present invention relates to co-pending U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09514230
(P192/1586P) entitled "AUTOMATICALLY STORING AND PRESENTING DIGITAL
IMAGES USING A SPEECH-BASED COMMAND LANGUAGE" filed on 2/28/2000 and
assigned to the assignee of the present application.

FIELD OF THE INVENTION

The present invention relates to digital images, and more particularly to a method
and system for providing a user of a digital imaging device a photo album of images
captures.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

Digital photography has become increasingly prevalent. As users of digital imaging
devices, such as digital cameras, continue to capture digital images, a means for archiving
and viewing digital images becomes more important. Currently, conventional digital
imaging devices can upload images to a computer system, such as a personal computer (PC).
The user can then edit, view, and archive the images on the PC. The user can also organize
the images into categories, for example using conventional software, such as PhotoSee Pro
by ACD systems. If the image includes sound, some applications allow the user to hear the
sound associated with the image using the sound system of the PC. In addition to archiving
the image on the PC, a user can employ the PC to connect to a server via the Internet. The

the categorization information in the appropriate format and organizing the images based on their category. Furthermore, if the categories are provided using speech, step 108 would include analyzing the speech indicating the categories, determining the categories based on the analyzed speech, converting the category information to text and saving the text category information, preferably as a tag in the image file. One such mechanism for categorizing images is described in co-pending U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09514230 (P192/1586P) entitled "AUTOMATICALLY STORING AND PRESENTING DIGITAL IMAGES USING A SPEECH-BASED COMMAND LANGUAGE" filed on 2/28/2000 and assigned to the assignee of the present application. Applicants hereby incorporate by reference the above-mentioned co-pending patent application. In addition, if there are multiple images in the category, step 108 could include organizing images by sub-category, based on when the image was captured, or some mechanism that may be selected by the user. Similarly, the user could provide captions for one or more of the images. Preferably, the information relating to a caption is provided in the file for the corresponding image. However, the captions can be provided separately from the image. Moreover, in one embodiment, the caption may be provided via speech recorded by the user. For example, a user could record a caption in a caption field using ability of a digital imaging device to record sound. Step 108 could then include analyzing the speech in the caption field, converting the speech to a text caption for the image and saving the text caption, preferably in a tag in the image. In an alternate embodiment, the user could input a text caption either through the use of the interface for the digital imaging device or directly to the server. Thus, step 108 includes providing processing required for the images and the pages in which the images will be placed.